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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 0743

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SUBJECT: KIM IL SUNG BANQUET SPEECH

REF: PEKING 737

1. AFTER MEETING WITH MAO TSE-TUNG AND TENG HSIAO-P'ING IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN PEKING, KIM IL SUNG ATTENDDD  
FOUR HOUR  
BANQUET AT GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE PRESIDED OVER BY VICE PREMIER  
TENG HSIAO-P'ING. IN HIS SPEECH, KIM TOOK A THREATENING LINE WHICH  
CLEARLY SUGGESTS THAT HE FEELS U. S. REVERSALS IN INDOCHINA  
POSE A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE PRESSURE FOR AMERICAN  
WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA AND EFFORTS TO TOPPLE THE ROK GOVERNMENT.  
REFERRING AT SEVERAL POINTS IN HIS SPEECH TO THE RAPID PACE OF  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, KIM APPEARS TO ASSUME THAT A NEW  
MILITARY CONFLICT ON THE KOREAN PENNINSULA  
IS ALMOST INEVITABLE. AT ONE POINT HE STATES, "WE SHALL ALWAYS  
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KEEP A SHARP VIGILANCE AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST THREAT OF WAR AND  
GET OURSELVES FIRMLY PREPARED TO MEET THE FORTHCOMING GREAT  
REVOLUTIONARY EVENT VICTORIOUSLY, WHETHER THERE WILL BE WAR OR  
REVOLUTION."

2. DESCRIBING THE STRUGGLE IN KOREA AS "A MAJOR LINK IN THE WHOLE CHAIN OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE", KIM VOWS THAT "IF REVOLUTION TAKES PLACE IN SOUTH KOREA, WE, AS ONE AND THE SAME NATION, WILL NOT JUST LOOK AT IT WITH FOLDED ARMS BUT WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE." THE ONLY THING THEY HAVE TO LOSE, HE SAYS, IS THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE. THUS, WHAT KIM APPEARS TO BE ENVISAGING, AND INDEED CONFIDENTLY PREDICTING, IS THE OUTBREAK OF A REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION IN SOUTH KOREA WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY NORTH KOREAN INTERVENTION ACROSS THE DMZ. WAR WOULD BE CAUSED ONLY IF THE U.S. CHOSE TO INTERVENE. CHINA WOULD BE EXPECTED TO STAND BEHIND NORTH KOREA IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS BASED ON THE "NOBLE FRIENDSHIP SEALED IN BLOOD" BETWEEN CHINA AND NORTH KOREA THAT KIM SAYS "WILL ENDURE ANY ORDEAL AND WILL FLOWER FOREVER."

3. KIM ALSO APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO SET UP CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGAINST PRESIDENT THIEU ARGUING THAT WHETHER THERE WILL BE WAR OR PEACE DEPENDS ON U.S. WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS FROM KOREA AND THE INSTALLATION OF A "DEMOCRATIC FIGURE WITH NJTION L CONSCIENCE." THEY WOULD NOT DEAL WITH ANYONE ELSE.

4. TENG HSIAO-P'ING'S SPEECH IN RESPONSE, WHILE REplete WITH REVOLUTIONARY BOILERPLATE, STRIKES A MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS NOTE. IN ONE PARAGRAPH HE REFERS THREE TIMES TO PRC SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. THIS EMPHASIS ON PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION IN THE CASE OF KOREJ TANDS IN RATHER STRIKING CONTRAST TO THE REMAINDER OF TENG'S SPEECH WHICH PRAISES THE VIRTUES OF MILITANT ARMED STRUGGLE IN THE CASES OF VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA.

5. ALTHOUGH NUMBER THREE RANKING WANT HUNG-WEN APPEARED FOR THE BANQUET, THE PESENCE OF TENG HSIAO-P'ING, FIRST AS MEETER AND GREETER AT THE RAILWAY STATION, THEN WITH MAO, AND FINALLY AS THE BANQUET SPEAKER UNDERLINES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MESSAGE THAT HE IS NOW THE MAN TODEAL WITH. WE ALSO NOTE THAT FOR SUCH A MAJOR LEADER AS KIM, TENG MADE NO REFERENCE TO ACTING ON BEHALF OF EITHER MAO TSE-TUNG OR CHOU EN-LAI.

6. COMMENT: AS USLO SPECULATED IN REFTTEL, IT APPEARS THAT KIM IL SUNG FEELS THE TIME IS RIPE TO STEP UP PRESSURE IN KOREA IN THE WAKE OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA. THE CHINESE WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE STAND, BUT THUS FAR THEY ARE TREADING VERY CAUTIOUSLY. HOLDRIDGE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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